## Remarks

The Official Action dated November 30, 2004 has been carefully considered. Consideration of the changes and remarks presented herein and reconsideration of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 10-24 remain in the present application, and claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 8, 10, 13-15, 17 and 21 have been amended for clarification of the original claim language. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. In particular, support for the amendments can be found in the specification at, for example, page 2, line 3 to page 6, line 13; and at page 13, line 8 to page 18, line 17. Accordingly, it is believed that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, and entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

### Objection to Abstract

In the Office Action, the Abstract has been objected to as being in three paragraphs. The Abstract has been amended herein to reduce it to one paragraph and reduce the number of words in the Abstract to less than 150. Accordingly, it is requested that the objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

### Rejections

Claims 1-24 were rejected in the Office Action under the argument that they are anticipated by Strong (US Patent 6,167,523). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. In the Office Action, it is argued that Strong discloses every element of each claim. However, Applicants submit that Strong does not disclose all of the elements of the claims. For example, with reference to independent claim 1, Strong does not disclose that input data is received on the server prior to receiving input data for other fields of the form, or that input data is validated on the server once received within the one field of the form, the validating

occurring prior to the user providing data in other fields of the form. Rather, as explicitly stated in Strong at Column 7, lines 5-7, data is entered into the form and the form is <u>then</u> submitted by using the submit button. Then, validation occurs on the submitted form data. See Column 7, lines 33-35. This indicates that the entire form is submitted and then that data is validated. Applicants found no disclosure in Strong that a portion of the form or a field of the form is submitted for validation prior to data being entered in other portions or fields of the form.

Similarly, with respect to independent claim 8, Strong does not disclose, for example, validating the input data before permitting the client to provide additional data associated with the remainder of the form. Rather, as mentioned, Strong appears to be directed toward the traditional method of submitting an entire form of data and then conducting the validation on that entire form.
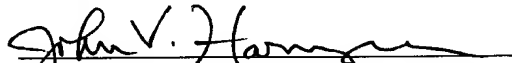
Likewise, with respect to the third independent claim, claim 17, Strong does not disclose, for example, receiving on a server input data representing one portion of a shipping form, the input data being received prior to the user inputting input data on the client for any other portion of the shipping form. Strong also does not disclose interactively validating on the server the received input data for the one portion of the shipping form prior to the user inputting input data on the client for any other portion of the shipping form and without requiring the user to activate a submit button. As mentioned above, Strong requires the user to submit the form first using a submit button. Moreover, Strong does not disclose that it relates to shipping forms.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of the claims be withdrawn for at least these reasons. In order to anticipate a claim, a reference must teach each and every element of the claim. MPEP § 2131. ``Under 35 U.S.C. § 102, every limitation of a claim must identically appear in a single prior art reference for it to anticipate the claim."

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Gechter v. Davidson, 116 F.3d 1454, 1457, 43 USPQ2d 1030, 1032 (Fed. Cir. 1997).

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the rejections and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

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